**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-9 (canceled).

10. (new): An element for opening and/or closing doors, gates or windows, comprising a first part designed to operate a closing mechanism by rotation, a second rotatable part designed to transfer a rotary motion to the first part, a connecting piece which is axially movable with respect to the first part and a spring provided between the connecting piece and the first part, the second part being provided with at least two push buttons, so that when none of said push buttons is pushed, the second part is freely rotatable with respect to the first part and so that at least when one of said push buttons is pushed, the rotary motion of the second part is transferred to the first part through the intermediary of the connecting piece, the connecting piece being provided with several inclined planes and the push buttons with further inclined planes so that, when any one of said push buttons is pushed, the inclined plane of the pushed push button engages the corresponding inclined plane on the connecting piece to move the connecting piece towards the first part against the force of said spring, and the connecting piece being provided with bulges which engage recesses provided in the first part when the connecting piece has been moved towards the first part by pushing at least one of said push buttons.

11. (new): The element as claimed in claim 10, wherein a total force of at least 25 Newton has to be exerted on one or several of said push buttons in order to make said bulges engage said recesses.

12. (new): The element as claimed in claim 10, wherein said element is a rotary knob.

13. (new): The element as claimed in claim 12, wherein the push buttons are located on an outer circumference of the second part.

15. (new): The element as claimed in claim 11, wherein said element is a rotary knob.

16. (new): The element as claimed in claim 15, wherein the push buttons are located on an outer circumference of the second part.